for consrtuction of Manginapudi Jetty Complex in Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposals have been sanctioned; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

आठवीं योजना के दौरान राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों का विकास

1959. श्री रामजी लाल : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने कतिपय सड़कों/राज्य राजमार्गों को वर्ष 1993-94 और आठवीं योजना के लिए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित करने की योजना को अन्तिम रूप दे दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रयोजन के लिए उपरोक्त समय में प्रत्येक राज्य के लिए कितना पूंजी निवेश किया जाएगा या कितनी धनराशि का प्रावधान किय गया है; और

(ग) इस संबंध में विदेशी सहायता कितनी होगी?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) जी, नहीं। आठवीं योजना के दौरान राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के लिए सीमित परिव्यय होने के कारण फिलहाल देश में किसी नये राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग की घोषणा पर विचार करना मुश्किल है।

(ख) और (ग) : ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

New National Highways in Gujarat

1960. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposals for New National Highways in Gujarat State;

(b) which roads are proposed to be declared as National Highways District-wise;

(c) the number of roads proposed to be declared as National Highways in Gujarat during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) time to be taken to declare them as National Highways, District-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Due to limited outlay for National Highways in the 8th Plan, it is difficult at this stage to declare more new National Highways in various States including Gujarat.

Road accidents in Delhi

1961. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a rise in the road accidents in Delhi during the last four months;

(b) what is the overall position of such accidents, during 1991 and 1992;

(c) whether it is a fact that privately run buses are involved in many of these accidents;

(d) whether Government have received complaints that the crew of these buses indulge in rash driving and misbehave with commuters; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total number of road accidents in Delhi during 1992 was 8505 as compared to 8065 during 1991.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The Delhi Traffic Police as well as Transport Department, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi carry out regular prosecution to discipline the crew of those private buses found indulging in rash and negligent driving. Delhi Police prosecuted 50,883 drivers of buses under private operation for rash and negligent driving during 1992. The Transport Department, Delhi has created a round-the-clock Complaint Cell to register any complaint against buses plying under STA permits. In addition, Delhi Traffic Police have taken the following steps :

1. Strict and rigid enforcement of traffic rules and regulations.

2. Special mobile checking and prosecution through modem equipments.

3. Special road safety lectures.

4. Cancellation of permits if indulged in 3 or more challans.

Modernisation of Shipping Corporation of India

1962. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) proposes to expand and modernise its fleet; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(to) The Shipping Corporation of India has a programme for expansion and modernisation of its fleet as also diversification into specialised areas through acquisition of 75 vessels aggregating 2.8 million DWT during the 8th Plan period.

Losses incurred by D.T.C.

1963. SHRI ANANT RAM IAISWAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Transport Corporation has been incurring losses for the last several years, whereas the private operators in general, having the same fare structure as charged in the D.T.C. buses have been earning profits;

(b) whether the 'Red line bus' service plying on the roads of Delhi are operating on the principle of 'one owner-one bus';

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to allow one owner to run more than one bus to make this service a success as also to provide more convenience to the public; if so, by when; and

(e) what are the schemes formulated by Government to make public transport system more efficient and to enable it to come out of losses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) It is a fact that Delhi Transport Corporation has been incurring losses for the last several years. Government have no information on economics of operation by the private operators.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It was so decided by the State Transport Authority, Delhi so that more persons could be granted permits.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Government are finalising an inter-connected package for the rehabilitation of Delhi Transport Corporation in order to ensure its long term viability. The main suggestions under consideration are :—

1. Reduction of surplus man-power;

2. Rationalising size of Delhi Transport Corporation to 3500 buses;

3. Withdrawal from loss making I routes;

4. Capital restructuring of DTC;

5. Reimbursement by Government of the losses incurred on account of concessional passes;

6. Commercial development of land of DTC's depot;

7. Improved efficiency of operations by lowering cost through better fleet utilisation and improved maintenance practices.